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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 8 February 2026

The Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Augustine Cox (Trinity College)

Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr dahin, BWV 616
(Bach)

Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr dahin, BuxWV 76
(Buxtehude)

Pazienza, from Reflections (Whitlock)

Magnificat quinti toni (Praetorius)

*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong
sung by The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge.*

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including cameras, are switched off.*

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webcast live and available to watch again. You
may be identifiable as in attendance at the service.*

The congregation stands as the choir and clergy enter the Chapel.

HYMN

NEH 339

SLANE

**Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art;
be thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me,
and I with thee, Lord,
be thou my great Father,
and I thy true son,
be thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour,
be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter,
be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
be thou mine inheritance
now and always,
be thou and thou only
the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven,
thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys
after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.**

Words: 8th C. Irish, trans. Mary Byrne (1880–1931)
and versified Eleanor Hull (1860–1935)

Music: traditional Irish melody, harm. Erik Routley (1917–82)

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The minister reads

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me;

All say, kneeling

**Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways
like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.**

We have offended against thy holy laws.

**We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;**

**and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;**

and there is no health in us.

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
miserable offenders.**

**Spare thou them, O God,
which confess their faults.**

**Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared
unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father,
for his sake;**

**that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life,**

to the glory of thy holy name.

Amen.

The minister then says the ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

RESPONSES

Smith

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my
cause against the ungodly people : O deliver me
from the deceitful and wicked man.

For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou
put me from thee : and why go I so heavily, while
the enemy oppresseth me?

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may
lead me : and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to
thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto
the God of my joy and gladness : and upon the
harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my
God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art
thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God : for I will yet give him
thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and
my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

The FIRST LESSON is read

The Lord God has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

All stand for the **MAGNIFICAT**

Service in Bb

Purcell

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All sit for the **SECOND LESSON**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these people go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Service in Bb

composer

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy
salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face
of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be
to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

All turn East and say **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God
**the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the Holy Catholick Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

All kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

RESPONSES

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All sit for the ANTHEM

I was glad (1685)

I was glad when they said unto me: 'We will go into the house of the Lord.' For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord to testify unto Israel and to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgement, even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Words from Psalm 122
Music: Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

THE ADDRESS

John 18:4 ('Whom seek ye?')

Meditations on the Passion in John

The Revd Sophie Young, Chaplain

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Music: William Rowlands (1860–1937)

THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess

*Please remain quiet until the end of the
organ voluntary*

VOLUNTARY

Toccata nona from Secondo libro

Frescobaldi

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Dr Joshua Heath, Junior Research Fellow, will speak on John 18:16 ('But Peter stood at the door without') as part of our series of Meditations on the Passion.

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